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## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~WEDNESDAY~APRIL 15

#### PHOENIX/EN ROUTE

Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Mumbai via Amsterdam. (Meals Aloft)

### DAY 2~THURSDAY~APRIL 16

#### MUMBAI

Late this evening (*approximately 11:20pm*) arrive in Mumbai (formerly Bombay) where you are met and escorted to your home for the night, the Taj Mahal Hotel. Situated on a peninsula halfway up the west coast of India, Mumbai is India's economic powerhouse and home to more millionaires than any other city on the Indian sub-continent. As well as being the country's financial capital, Mumbai is also an important port, handling a third of all international trade, and a base for many of India's largest companies.



The Portuguese established this old Hindu city as a colony in 1509. In 1661, it passed to England as part of the dowry of Catherine of Braganza when she married Charles II, and became a vital trading base for the East India Company. The center of Imperial Bombay, an area known as Fort, contains a breathtaking array of High Victorian buildings and is reminiscent of a prosperous 19th century English industrial city. The fascinating range of architectural styles reflects the British passion for the Gothic and demonstrates the wealth, elegance and confidence of British Bombay. Prosperity has always been considered more important than religious homogeneity in Mumbai, and this is reflected in the range of places of worship throughout the city - churches and cathedrals sit alongside countless mosques, Hindu and Buddhist temples.

Built in 1903, the Taj Mahal Hotel is an architectural marvel and brings together Moorish, Oriental, and Florentine styles. Offering panoramic views of the Arabian Sea and the Gateway of India, the hotel is a gracious landmark of the city of Mumbai, showcasing contemporary Indian influences. Its 565 rooms, including 46 suites, offer all modern amenities and are adorned with original paintings and period furniture that exude an aura of old-world charm and elegance.

Overnight at the TAJ MAHAL PALACE & TOWER HOTEL. (Meals Aloft)[www.tajhotels.com](http://www.tajhotels.com)



### DAY 3~FRIDAY~APRIL 17

#### MUMBAI

Your day is spent exploring this diverse city. First, visit Elephanta Caves, a UNESCO World Heritage site, an hour's boat ride from Mumbai. The origins and artists of the temple caves, thought to date from about the 7th century, remain obscure. What is known, however, is that the island was originally called Gharapuri; the Portuguese renamed it Elephanta after they found a large stone elephant near their landing place. Stroll around these caves viewing the magnificent art inspired by worship for Lord Shiva.



Return to Mumbai, where you'll explore the city by road. Drive past the Afghan Church, the Secretariat of the Maharashtra Government and along the famous Marine drive. Enjoy the city tour of Mumbai - visiting the Gateway of India, Mumbai's principle landmark. This arch of yellow basalt was erected on the waterfront in 1924 to commemorate King George V's visit to this colony in 1911. Visit the Dhobi Ghats, one of many unique sceneries of Mumbai. The "laundries" are called "ghats", row upon row of concrete wash pens, each fitted with its own flogging stone. The clothes are soaked in sudsy water, thrashed on the flogging stones, then tossed into huge vats of boiling starch and hung out to dry. Next they are ironed and

piled into neat bundles. The most famous of these Dhobi Ghats is at Saat Rasta near Mahalaxmi Station where almost two hundred dhobis and their families work together in what has always been a hereditary occupation. Tonight enjoy a welcome dinner at your hotel.

Overnight at the TAJ MAHAL PALACE & TOWER. (B,L,D)

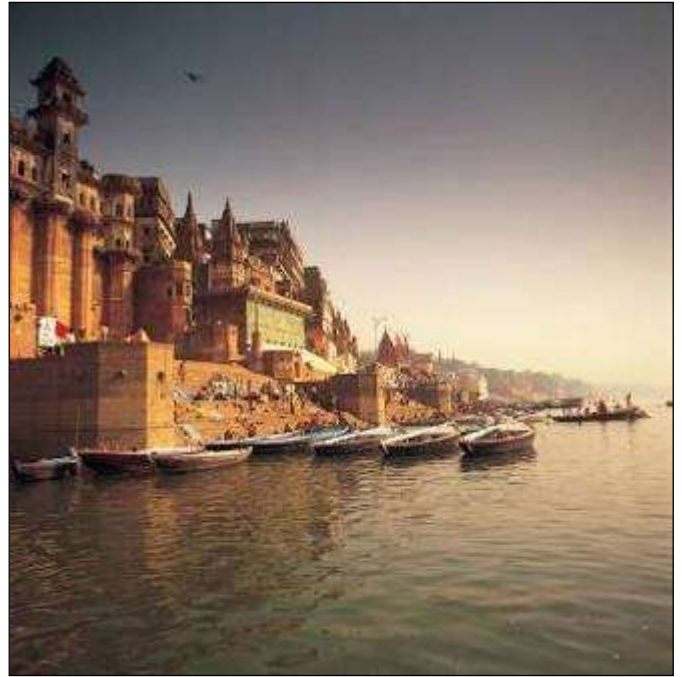
### DAYS 4/5~SATURDAY/SUNDAY~APRIL 18/19

#### MUMBAI/VARANASI

Today you fly to Varanasi, also known as Kashi and Benares nestled on the north bank of the Ganges River in the state of Uttar Pradesh in North India. It is one of the oldest living cities in the world, dating back about 3,500 years. For the pious Hindus, the city has always been the ultimate pilgrimage spot. These few lines by Mark Twain say it all: "*Benaras is older than history, older than tradition, older even than legend and looks twice as old as all of them put together*". Hindus believe that one who is graced to die on the land of Varanasi would attain salvation and freedom from the cycle of birth and re-birth. Abode of Lord Shiva and Parvati, the origins of Varanasi are yet unknown. Ganges in Varanasi is believed to have the power to wash away the sins of mortals. With Sarnath just a short distance away, the place where Buddha preached his first sermon after enlightenment, Varanasi has been a symbol of Hindu renaissance. Knowledge, philosophy, culture, devotion to Gods, Indian arts and crafts have all flourished here for centuries.



Your second afternoon in Varanasi involves an excursion to Sarnath, a small Buddhist town that is home to the Archeological Museum and the Mahabodhi Buddha Temple. Make sure to take a stroll in the deer park, where Buddha himself often meditated. In the evening, be part of a service on the banks of the river and take a ride through the chaotic roads of Varanasi...this is one sight, which is nowhere else to be seen this way.



The Gateway Hotel in Varanasi is strategically situated on the Raja Bazar Road at Nadesar Palace Ground. All of the 130 guest rooms are elegantly appointed with central air conditioning, direct dial telephone, color satellite television and more. There is an international restaurant called 'Chowk' that serves a variety of cuisine. There is also an Indian specialty restaurant 'Varuna'. The hotel also has a swimming pool, tennis court as well a colonial themed bar. Overnight at THE GATEWAY HOTEL GANGES. (B,L Daily) [www.thegatewayhotels.com](http://www.thegatewayhotels.com)

#### **DAY 6~MONDAY~APRIL 20 VARANASI/ KHAJURAHO**

Return to the airport and board your short flight to Khajuraho, situated in the northernmost part of Madhya Pradesh. The name Khajuraho is derived from the Khajur tree (the date palm tree), which is grown abundantly in the region. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and then embark on a tour of the Eastern group of Temples. Khajuraho is famous for its enchanting temples, considered the "high point" of Indian architectural genius in the medieval period. Originally there were 85 temples, of which only 22 still exist. The amazingly short span of 100 years, from 950 AD - 1050 AD, saw the completion of all the temples, in an inspired burst of creativity. With the wane of the Chandela Empire, these magnificent temples lay neglected, and vulnerable to the ravages of nature. It was only in this past century that they were rediscovered, restored and granted the recognition that they justly deserve.

The temples are now a world heritage site and belong not just to India but to the world and are some of the best preserved monuments of this antiquity. Most of the temples are built of sandstone in varying shades of buff, pink or pale yellow, and each belongs to a different sect - the Shiva, Vaishnava or Jaina Sects, but are often indistinguishable from one another to the untrained eye. The roofs are a series of graded peaks that resemble a mountain range and in all probability, represent the possibility of higher levels of spiritual attainment. Erotic scenes represent a relatively small part of the carvings but sensuous eroticism prevails throughout all of the sculptures. In general, lower indulgences appear lower on the temple while the deities appear near the top. The goddesses and gods represent the many manifestations of the divine Shakti and Shiva, the female and male principles, the Yin and the Yang. The divine sculptures in these temples are a tribute to life itself, embodying everything that is sublime and spontaneous about it. Popularly known as the 10th century temples, they represent a time frame when Khajuraho art was at its zenith.



The Lalit Temple View Khajuraho – just 657 feet from the renowned Western group of temples making it the closest to the temples. Surrounded by lush gardens, beautiful surroundings and temples dating back to ninth century, The Lalit Temple View Khajuraho has been re-commissioned in 2007. This boutique hotel has 48 rooms and suites offering five star deluxe facilities and services with a modern hi tech spa, swimming pool, conference facilities, restaurant and bar.

Overnight at the LALIT TEMPLE VIEW KHAJURAHO in TEMPLE VIEW ROOMS. (B,L) [www.thelalit.com/](http://www.thelalit.com/)

#### **DAY 7~TUESDAY~APRIL 21**

##### **KHAJURAHO/JHANSI/AGRA**

A last chance to see the World Heritage Temples in Khajuraho, before your drive to the medieval town of Orcha with its impressive palace complex (*approximately 4 ½ hours*). Enjoy lunch in Orcha, and time permitting see the Rajmahal with its beautiful murals, the Laxmi Narayan Temple and the Jehangir Mahal built in the 17th century to commemorate the visit of the emperor Jehangir.

In the afternoon, continue to Jhansi, where you board the Shatabdi Express to Agra. Your rail journey is part of a chain of fast, inter-city trains that link major cities and offer facilities for quick and comfortable travel.

Arrive in Agra this evening where you are transferred to your hotel for the next two nights. Gloriously stretching over 35 acres of vibrant courtyards and situated in the heart of the city, the ITC Mughal offers 285 luxuriously furnished rooms and suites. All guest rooms are decorated with a touch of old-world splendor, and many offer a view of the Taj Mahal, located just over a mile away. You can dine in any of the on-site restaurants, serving authentic flavors of the North West Frontier, Continental or gourmet dishes.

Overnight at the ITC MUGHAL. (B,L) [www.itchotels.com](http://www.itchotels.com)



#### **DAY 8~WEDNESDAY~APRIL 22**

##### **AGRA**

Perhaps no other historical monument has evoked as much awareness and admiration from tourists and travelers alike as the magnificent Taj Mahal - fondly considered the ultimate requiem of love, from a great Mughal Emperor to his beloved wife. So overwhelming is the exquisite beauty and presence of this marble mausoleum that centuries later today, even the very land where it has been located has been immortalized as the *City of the Taj*. Yet, it doesn't take much for the wandering eye to discover that there's more to Agra than just the fabled Taj Mahal. The city is a virtual gateway to a world of discovery...a freeze-frame



from a resplendent era that's long since gone by. Spend this morning discovering this imposing city and its fabled past as you explore the monuments, the majesty of the buildings and the exquisite arts and crafts... all cherished as priceless legacies of a nostalgic past.

Though the heritage of Agra is linked with the Mughal dynasty, numerous other rulers also contributed to the rich past of this city. Modern Agra was founded by Sikandar Lodhi (Lodhi Dynasty) in the 16th century. Babur (founder of the Mughal dynasty) also stayed for sometime in Agra and introduced the concept of square Persian-styled gardens here. Emperor Akbar, his grandson, built the Agra Fort and the city of Fatehpur Sikri in gratitude for the appearance of an heir after his wife bore him a son. Agra came to its own when Shahjahan ascended to the throne of the Empire. He marked the zenith of Mughal architecture when he built the Taj Mahal in memory of his beloved wife, whom he affectionately named Mumtaz Mahal (Jewel of the Palace). In his later years, Shahjahan shifted his capital to the new city of Shahjahanabad in Delhi and ruled from there. Shahjahan was dethroned in 1658 by his son, Aurangzeb who imprisoned him in the Agra Fort. Aurangzeb shifted the capital back to Agra till his death. After the death of Aurangzeb, the Mughal Empire could not touch its peak and many regional kingdoms emerged. The post-Mughal era of Agra saw the rule of the Jats, Marathas and finally the British taking over the city.

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**DAYS 9/10~THURSDAY/FRIDAY~APRIL 23/24**  
**AGRA/RANTHAMBHORE**

Your drive to Bharatpur is short in mileage, but longer than anticipated because of the chaotic Indian way of life. At all points you're competing with the cars, rickshaws, people and animals that line the streets for a most amazing cultural experience. En route, you'll visit the magnificent ghost city of Fatehpur Sikri, the short-lived capitol of the Mughal Empire between 1571 and 1585 during the reign of Emperor Akbar. Although brilliant and unusual from an architectural point of view, Akbar's city was erected in an area that suffered from water shortages and it was abandoned shortly after Akbar's death. The well-preserved palace and still used mosque are the main points of interest but you can wander around the ruins that are scattered behind the mosque. Later, continue to Bharatpur railway station where you board the Jan Shatabdi Express for Ranthambhore.



Ranthambhore National Park, once the hunting grounds for the royals of Jaipur, is now one of the best places in the world to see tigers in the wild. The park, which is a part of the much larger Project Tiger Reserve, lies in the Sawai Madhopur district of eastern Rajasthan. It covers a mere 98,800 acres but offers a fascinating combination of crumbling monuments, living temples, and wild beauty. Set within a high, jagged escarpment, Ranthambhore Fort has towered over the park's forests for nearly a thousand years and has witnessed many bloody combats; even the Mughal emperor Akbar fought a battle for supremacy here in the 16th century. Inside the fort lie a number of ruined palaces, step wells, and a celebrated Ganesha temple visited every year in September by two million pilgrims who come to worship during the Lord Ganesha's birthday. But it is the forests that lie in the canyons below, scattered with more ancient crumbling monuments that attract the foreign pilgrims who come during the winter months to catch a glimpse of the mighty Bengal tiger.



Sightings are recorded fairly regularly. Statistically, between 75% and 95% of all the photographs ever taken of a tiger in the wild have been taken in Ranthambhore. This has meant that the 26-odd tigers living here have become totally habituated to human observation and are almost entirely indifferent to the sight and sound of vehicles and flashing light bulbs. Ranthambhore gets the least amount of rainfall and as a result there are very few patches with tall grasses which offers your best chance of spotting these elusive animals. Also, the excellent network of forest tracks allows for much better tracking of animals from vehicles. Most of the safari tracks in Ranthambhore are actually heavily used animal tracks that have been widened to enable safari vehicles to drive on them. As a result, a lot of mega-fauna can be seen on or very near the forest tracks. This is particularly true for tigers which have very soft pads under their feet, enabling them to move silently – a very important adaptation for hunting. Therefore they prefer to walk on the

safari tracks, which have soft sand covering, very little thorns, rocks and dried leaves. Not only is it more comfortable for them when they are walking on the tracks but the soft sand and the relative absence of twigs and leaves enables them to walk silently, without alerting their prey.

Besides tigers, the other wild cats found in Ranthambhore are leopards, caracals, jungle cats, and rusty-spotted cats. Fishing cats and leopard cats have also been reported but their sightings are yet to be verified. The ungulates include sambar, spotted deer (Chital), blue bull (Nilgai), chinkara (Indian gazelle) and wild boar. Other large mammals include the Sloth bear, Indian fox, jackal, the rare wolf and Indian wild dog (Dhole), small Indian civet, palm civet, common Indian and ruddy mongoose and striped hyena.

The Sawai Madhopur Lodge was originally built by Maharaja Sawai Man Singh II in the 1930s as a hunting lodge. Today, the original two-story main house is still very attractive, with a deep verandah that swoops in a semicircle overlooking the lawns and outbuildings where many of the rooms are located. The superior rooms have a view of the front gardens close to the lobby, and each is equipped with a writing desk, dressing table, a mini bar and color television.



Overnights at SAWAI MADHOPUR LODGE. (B,L,D Daily) [www.tajhotels.com](http://www.tajhotels.com)

## DAYS 11/12~SATURDAY/SUNDAY~APRIL 25/26

### JAIPUR



Your drive now takes you to Jaipur (*approximately 3 hours*), the administrative and commercial capital of what was known as Rajputana. Begun in 1727 and completed in just eight years, Jaipur was the first city in India to enjoy rigorous town planning according to the principles laid down in "Shilpa Shastra," an ancient Indian article on architecture. The city is protected by high walls, with wide, straight avenues that divide it into nine sectors (apparently reflecting the nine divisions of the universe, resembling the Indian horoscope), each named after the commodity and caste who lived and practiced their specific skills here – the order and space was at the time a total revolution in Indian cities.

Jaipur is known as the Pink City, a rather idealized description of the terra-cotta-colored lime plaster that coats the old part of the city's walls, buildings, and temples. The reasons for painting the town pink are unknown, but various theories have been tossed about, from using pink to cut down glare, to the city's founder Jai Singh II's apparent devotion to Lord Shiva (whose favorite color is reputedly terra cotta). Others believe Singh wanted to imitate the color of the sandstone used in the forts and palaces of his Mughal emperor-friends. The most popular reason is that pink is the traditional color of hospitality, and the city was freshly painted and paved with pink gravel to warmly welcome Edward VII for his visit here in 1876. The city is painted pink once every 10 years by the Municipal Corporation, and in 2000 the painting was timed for a state visit, this time by former U.S. president Bill Clinton.



The history and times of Jaipur are deeply entwined with the stories of royal princes and princesses, with grand Mughals and later with visiting dignitaries from the British Royal family or 20th century royalty like the U.S. Presidential families. Modern Jaipur plays host to all of them and to many thousands who come here enchanted by all that the city has to offer. Jaipur is undoubtedly a city of kings and queens and its distinctive architecture clearly emphasizes this. Even so it has a timeless appeal, since many of the traditional crafts patronized by the 18th century rulers are still thriving. So, you have streets that are famous for jewelry, tie-and-dye, pottery, 'meenakari', leatherwork and stone carvings. During your days here discover all this wonderful history and culture as you explore the various palaces, observatories, forts and local markets.

Visit one of the major attractions at Jaipur, the Amber fort. The breathtakingly beautiful complex of the Amber Fort comprises of palaces, halls, pavilions, gardens and temples. It is astounding that it took more than two

centuries for its construction. The elegance exuded by the fort is simply awesome. You may either walk or ride an elephant to unfold the magic of the fort. The ride of the majestic animal is an experience in itself. On your way back stop at the Hawa Mahal or the Palace of Winds located at the main street of the old city, the five-story building is a pink splendor with carved trelliswork. The structure meant to be a window for the royal ladies to view the activities on the street including the daily life and the processions. You will relish each moment of the royal retreat. Another landmark worth visiting is the former residence of the royal family, the City palace. The charming palace reveals a combination of the Rajasthan and Mughal styles of architecture.



Your home for the next two nights is Hotel Rajputana Sheraton one of the best hotels in the Pink City. One can find aristocracy and the nobility of royal Rajasthan in Rajputana Sheraton. Built on 7-acres of land with lush green environment the hotel offers beautiful views of the city. The Sheraton's 216 rooms, exterior design and gardens all reflect the spirit of Rajasthan and its royalty. In addition, the Sheraton is well equipped to offer guests the best in modern facilities and services. The four onsite restaurants serve international and exotic cuisine for you to feast on. Offering beautiful views of the swimming pool, the Sheeshmahal Bar is an ideal place to unwind with a fine drink. Overnights at the ITC RAJPUTANA. (B,L, Daily) [www.itshotels.com](http://www.itshotels.com)



## DAY 13~MONDAY~APRIL 27

### JAIPUR/DELHI

This morning's flight takes you to Delhi, one of the most fascinating cities in the world. India's capital and political hub is an ancient city that has something for everyone. Settled seven times over the centuries, the city has grown in a way that reflects its past, while retaining its cosmopolitan flavor. Delhi is India's showcase, be it architecture, religion, shopping, culture - everything is available here waiting to be discovered. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel for the next two nights. The rest of the day is at leisure to do some sightseeing on your own or just relax and enjoy the amenities of your hotel.



Your home for the night will be in the premier business and commercial district - Connaught Place. Right next to lively shopping centers, office complexes and colorful streets, the hotel is fifteen miles from the international airport and just minutes from government offices, cultural centers and international trade fair grounds. It is also within close proximity to historical landmarks like India Gate, Jama Masjid and Red Fort. All rooms are air conditioned and consist of en suite bathrooms with stylish bath fittings. The interior of the rooms are decorated with antique furniture. The private balconies offer splendid view of the sprawling lawns and the cityscape. The Lalit New Delhi also offers a cosmopolitan choice of dining and entertainment options extends to eight restaurants and bars. These include the world famous "Blue Elephant" - serving royal Thai cuisine; "The Grill" - with trendy continental innovations; "Woks" for Chinese flavors; "Baluchi" with Indian specialties; "The Rendezvous" for all day dining and "Art Junction" - an art gallery with a cafe.

Overnight at LALIT HOTEL NEW DELHI. (B,L)

## DAY 14~TUESDAY~APRIL 28

### DELHI

Today, venture off to Old Delhi for a visit to Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, with a courtyard capable of holding 25,000 devotees. Built in 1644, it was the last in the series of architectural indulgences of Shah Jahan, the Mughal emperor who also built the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort. The highly decorative mosque has three great gateways, four towers and two 135-ft high minarets constructed of strips of red sandstone and white marble. Visitors should dress respectfully (no shorts, mini-skirts, tank tops etc). Next, visit the Red Fort, once the most opulent fort and palace of the Mughal Empire. The main entrance to the fort is the Lahore Gate, named so for facing towards Lahore in Pakistan. Delhi Gate is similar to Lahore but grander in design and the gate was used by the emperor every Friday for ceremonial processions to the Jama Masjid. Upon entering through the Lahore Gate, you reach the Covered Bazaar also known as Chandni Chowk, one of the first covered bazaars of the 17th century where items sold included silks, jewelry, gems, silverware and other artistic objects. Today the bazaar carries various souvenirs and food items.



An extensive tour through New Delhi will also delight. Visit Humayun's Tomb, built in the mid-16th century by the senior wife of the second Mughal emperor - the first significant example of Mughal architecture in India, and one of the most beautiful buildings in the city. The elements of its design are echoed in the later Taj Mahal. It comprises a squat building with high arched entrances topped by a bulbous dome and surrounded by formal gardens. Found at the gardens are the red-and-white sandstone and black-and-yellow marble tomb of Humayun's wife and, somewhat surprisingly, the tomb of Humayun's barber.



Qutub Minar is another interesting visit, whose superb buildings date from the onset of Islamic rule in India. The Qutub Minar itself is a soaring 240-ft high tower of victory that was started in 1193, immediately after the defeat of the last Hindu kingdom in Delhi. At its base is Quwwat-ul-Islam Masjid (Might of Islam Mosque), India's first. An inscription over the mosque's eastern gate provocatively informs that it was built with material obtained from demolishing 27 "idolatrous" (read Hindu) temples. A 23-ft high iron pillar stands in the courtyard of the mosque and it's said that if you can encircle it with your hands while standing with your back to it, your wish will be unfulfilled; however, the pillar is now protected by a fence. Continue on your drive along the ceremonial avenue, Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate, Parliament House and the President's residence before arriving back at your hotel.

Later this evening you will be transferred to the airport for your return flights home. (B,D, Meals Aloft)

**DAY 15~WEDNESDAY~APRIL 29**

**DELHI/PHOENIX**

Today finds you in USA with incredible memories of spectacular wildlife, ancient ruins and incredible people



## OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO RAJPUTANA

*A minimum of 6 passengers is required for this extension*

### DAY 13~MONDAY~APRIL 27

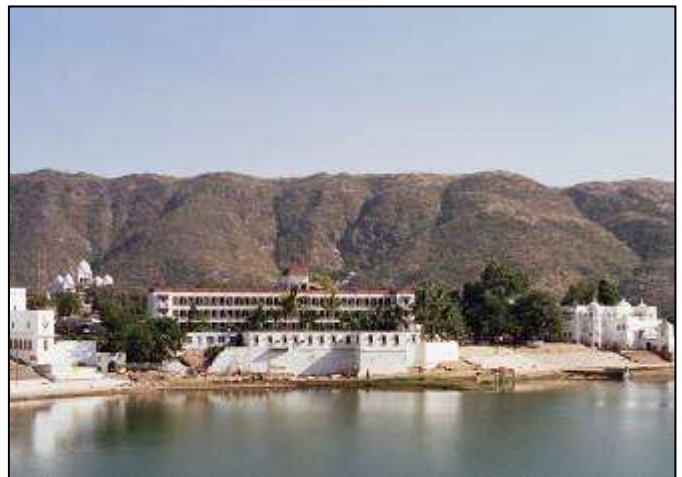
#### JAIPUR/PUSHKAR

Bid farewell to the rest of the group returning to the USA as you drive to the tiny town of Pushkar along the banks of the picturesque Pushkar Lake. Sacred for Hindus, it has a staggering 400 temples, of which the most important is dedicated to Lord Brahma. According to legend, for five days a year, all the gods visit Pushkar and bless the devout, hence the unbelievable number of devotees who flock to the lake to wash away their sins. These five crucial days also coincide with the biggest cattle fair of the country, usually the third week of November. Virtual armies of camels, cleaned, washed, and adorned, descend on Pushkar and villagers do brisk business.



This evening enjoy a camel ride through the local bazaar where many handicrafts, jewelry, embroidered fabrics, and much more are sold. Continue up to the ghats of Pushkar Lake. Many Ghats run down to the Holy Lake where pilgrims are constantly bathing in the holy waters. Joining people at the Ghats has to be done with respect for their culture and privacy. Remove shoes before approaching, do not smoke and restrain from photographing bathing people. The famed waters of the Pushkar Lake are said to wash away the sins of a lifetime. The mystical water is also believed to cure skin diseases, making Pushkar the Lourdes of the East. Continue to the Brahma temple to witness the evening prayers.

Your home for the night the Pushkar Palace was originally the residence of the Maharaja of Kishangarh, and is the only hotel on the banks of the holy Pushkar Lake. All 53 rooms are decorated in Rajasthani style complete with frescos, motifs and period furniture. The hotel consists of 48 super deluxe rooms with five suites. All deluxe rooms have a garden view and offer amenities like a mini fridge, 24 hour room service, TV and complimentary toiletries in the bathroom. Prince's Restaurant serves Chinese, Continental and Regional vegetarian cuisine. Overnight at the PUSHKAR PALACE in SUPER DELUXE ROOMS. (B,L,D)



**DAYS 14/15~TUESDAY/WEDNESDAY~APRIL 28/29**  
**PUSHKAR/JODHPUR**

Resume your drive to the sapphire blue state of Jodhpur. Shining under the warm glow of the sun it resembles a desert jewel on the edge of the vast Thar. Its history is associated with epic stories of passion, political intrigue and treachery. Founded in 1459, Jodhpur was to become one of Rajputana's wealthiest cities, capitalizing on its central position on the Delhi-Gujarat trade route and protected by one of the most impenetrable forts in history.



Next day visit Mehrangarh Fort, situated on a steep hill and one the largest in India. From the top of the fort you can get a bird's eye view from the old city to the Jaswant Thada, an imposing marble cenotaph built in 1899. At the end of the tour enjoy a short walk through the local and vibrant bazaar of Jodhpur. To enter the Mehrangarh Fort seven gates have to be crossed. Some of these gates still bear marks of many a siege that this fort has withstood, due to its 17 feet thick and 68 feet high walls. The fort encloses many palaces, which are known for their intricate carvings and sprawling courtyards. Moti Mahal, or the Pearl Palace, has a delicately carved stone screen and treasures, including the Sringar Chowki (*the royal throne of Jodhpur*). Umaid Villas displays the Rajput miniature paintings and Ajit Villas exhibits musical instruments and the royal costumes. Both these villas are joined by a beautiful mirror room.

In the afternoon enjoy a jeep safari through the villages and visit local communities. On this cultural venture you will be introduced to the colorful and exotic Bishnoi tribe. The name "Bishnoi" (Twenty-nine) represents the number of principles espoused by their prophet, Lord Jhambheshwar. Despite being born a Khstriya, the second highest Hindu caste, he disapproved of the caste system and created a classless community into which all were accepted. The only requirement was to live by his 29 life principles including no killing or eating of animals, no cutting down of living trees and no alcohol consumption. Many of the rules he imposed are still followed today. Next you will meet the Raika tribe, located both in the hills and desert areas. They are a nomadic people who travel continuously with their herds of sheep and camels. Raika men from the hills can be identified by their large red turbans and the women wear colorful clothes and antique ivory bangle bracelets which are passed down from mother to daughter. The desert Raika men wear various colors of turbans and the women wear colorful dresses accented with an abundance of silver jewelry. You are invited to visit a few of the tribal houses to experience their lifestyles first-hand.

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Set on six acres of landscaped gardens, the Taj Hari Mahal makes lavish use of exquisite marble in an architectural style, which harmoniously blends an old world charm with contemporary elegance. The grand lobby leads to numerous restaurant and cuisine choices. Each spacious and tastefully-appointed guestroom is centrally air-conditioned and the traditional architecture is complemented by classic furniture.

Overnights at the VIVANTA BY TAJ HARI MAHAL in SUPERIOR CHARM ROOM. (B,L,D Daily)

## DAYS 16/17~THURSDAY/FRIDAY~APRIL 30~MAY 1

### UDAIPUR



Depart for the lake city of Udaipur stopping en route to visit Ranakpur and its amazing Jain temple complex. These temples were built in 1439 and are situated in the lap of the Aravali mountain range. The main temple is the Chaumukha (*four-faced*) temple. Its 29 halls are supported by 1,444 pillars, no two of which are alike.

Udaipur was founded in 1568 by Maharana Udai Singh II and carries a rich history. Visit the City Palace, a majestic architectural marvel situated on a hill towering over the lake. The grounds include chiseled walls, a conglomeration of courtyards, pavilions, terraces, corridors, rooms and hanging gardens. It also houses the Dilkush Mahal, the Sheesh Mahal which is studded with glittering Belgium mirrors, the Moti Mahal and the palace of Lord Krishna. Continue on to the Jagdish Temple which was built in 1651 and is dedicated to Lord Vishnu, "The Preserver." In addition, you will also visit the lovely gardens and fountains of the Sahelion Ki Bari. In the evening enjoy a boat ride on Lake Pichola.

With distinctive turrets and majestic domes, Fateh Garh (Victory Fort) hotel is built on top of a hill overlooking Lake Pichola from a distance and surrounded by Sajjangarh Wildlife Sanctuary. Fateh Garh belongs to the Heritage Renaissance School of building. Everything at Fateh Garh has been conceptualized,

designed, and executed to revitalize the environmental - cultural - spiritual heritage of the past. Accommodation at Fateh Garh is in airy, oversized, comfortable rooms with great views of the surroundings hills and the city of Udaipur. The fabric used is natural with muted tones and great attention to detail in appointing the rooms and bathrooms with all amenities.

Overnights at the FATEH GARH HOTEL in RENAISSANCE ROOMS. (B,L,D Daily)

## DAY 18~SATURDAY~MAY 2

### DELHI

Following breakfast today fly to Delhi one of the most fascinating cities in the world. India's capital and political hub is an ancient city that has something for everyone. Settled seven times over the centuries, the city has grown in a way that reflects its past, while retaining its cosmopolitan flavor. Delhi is India's showcase, be it architecture, religion, shopping, culture - everything is available here waiting to be discovered. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel for the next two nights. The rest of the day is at leisure to do some sightseeing on your own or just relax and enjoy the amenities of your hotel.



Your luxurious hotel stands tall in the heart of New Delhi, forming a perfect choice for both business and leisure travelers to India's capital city, within easy reach of all major government offices, financial districts, theatre area, international trade fair grounds and major sightseeing attractions. All rooms and suites have been redesigned with contemporary interiors, luxurious beds, customized furniture, spacious bathrooms and impressive artworks providing an immediate sense of style. A cosmopolitan choice of dining and entertainment options extends to seven restaurants and bars. Overnight at LALIT HOTEL NEW DELHI. (B,L,D)

## DAY 19~SUNDAY~MAY 3

### DELHI

Today, venture off to Old Delhi for a visit to Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque, with a courtyard capable of holding 25,000 devotees. Built in 1644, it was the last in the series of architectural indulgences of Shah Jahan, the Mughal emperor who also built the Taj Mahal and the Red Fort. The highly decorative mosque has three great gateways, four towers and two 135-ft high minarets constructed of strips of red sandstone and white marble. Visitors should dress respectfully (no shorts, mini-skirts, tank tops etc). Next, visit the Red Fort, once the most opulent fort and palace of the Mughal Empire. The main entrance to the fort is the Lahore Gate, named so for facing towards Lahore in Pakistan. Delhi Gate is similar to Lahore but grander in design and the gate was used by the emperor every Friday for ceremonial processions to the Jama Masjid. Upon entering through the Lahore Gate, you reach the Covered Bazaar also known as Chandni Chowk, one of the first covered bazaars of the 17th century where items sold included silks, jewelry, gems, silverware and other artistic objects. Today the bazaar carries various souvenirs and food items.

An extensive tour through New Delhi will also delight. Visit Humayun's Tomb, built in the mid-16th century by the senior wife of the second Mughal emperor – the first significant example of Mughal architecture in India, and one of the most beautiful buildings in the city. The elements of its design are echoed in the later Taj Mahal. It comprises a squat building with high arched entrances topped by a bulbous dome and surrounded by formal gardens. Found at the gardens are the red-and-white sandstone and black-and-yellow marble tomb of Humayun's wife and, somewhat surprisingly, the tomb of Humayun's barber.



Qutub Minar is another interesting visit, whose superb buildings date from the onset of Islamic rule in India. The Qutub Minar itself is a soaring 240-ft high tower of victory that was started in 1193, immediately after the defeat of the last Hindu kingdom in Delhi. At its base is Quwwat-ul-Islam Masjid (Might of Islam Mosque), India's first. An inscription over the mosque's eastern gate provocatively informs that it was built with material obtained from demolishing 27 "idolatrous" (read Hindu) temples. A 23-ft high iron pillar stands in the courtyard of the mosque and it's said that if you can encircle it with your hands while standing with your back to it, your wish will be unfulfilled; however, the pillar is now protected by a fence. Continue on your drive along the ceremonial avenue, Rajpath, past the imposing India Gate, Parliament House and the President's residence before arriving back at your hotel.

The balance of your day is at leisure before you are whisked away for your farewell dinner and then transferred to the airport for your flight home. (B,L,D Meals Aloft)

## DAY 20~MONDAY~MAY 4

### DELHI/PHOENIX

This morning finds you in USA with incredible memories of spectacular wildlife, ancient ruins and incredible people

## INCLUSIONS

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- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- Flight between Udaipur and Delhi on the post extension
- Breakfast daily and other meals as specified in itinerary.
- Sightseeing in National Parks, and points of interest as indicated, escorted by naturalist guide in private coaches.
- Specialist guide, with 10 full-paying passengers.
- Enrichment lecturer will accompany the group with a minimum of 15 travelers on the main program and 10 travelers on the extension program.
- All applicable hotel and lodge taxes and gratuities.
- All entry fees.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Flight between Phoenix and Mumbai returning from Delhi, including fuel surcharges & airline taxes (quoted separately).
- Flights between Mumbai and Varanasi, Varanasi and Khajuraho as well as Jaipur and Delhi on the main program (quoted separately).
- Foreign airport taxes.
- Passport and visa fees and service charges for obtaining visas. Currently, visas are required for entry into India.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Gratuities to driver/guides, specialist-guide and other conveyance attendants.
- Meals and beverages, other than specified.
- Laundry and other items of a personal nature.
- Personal and baggage insurance.
- Cost for anything not specifically mentioned in the listing above.
- Optional insurance coverage is available.

Please Note That The Itinerary Sequence Is Correct At The Time Of Writing,  
But Is Subject To Change.

## CLASSIC ESCAPES CONSERVATION FUND

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In keeping with our mission to provide exciting, educational, and fun-filled experiences that nurture and directly support the diverse wildlife and cultures we visit around the world, Classic Escapes has established the Classic Escapes Conservation Fund to ensure that a percentage of all profits go to support conservation and wildlife researchers performing their critical work in the field. Project support has included wild dog, elephant, rhino and cheetah conservation in Botswana, Kenya, Tanzania and Namibia, penguins in Punta San Juan Peru, tiger preservation in India, and sponsoring school children in Kenya, among many other projects around the world. By traveling with Classic Escapes, you are supporting travel as a tool for building the mutual respect, awareness and understanding that are vital to preserving this planet for future generations.

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT INDIA

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### Participants:

- Must be able to climb in and out of safari 4x4 vehicles unassisted. They should also be able to tolerate riding on uneven, bumpy dirt roads for long periods of time (6-9 hours maximum), as well as some off-road experiences when opportunities allow. Participants should be able to stand and/or walk moderate distances at an easy pace for up to a few hours at a time when visiting villages, towns or other sites. Some, if not most, of this walking may be on uneven ground or uphill.
- Driving in India is chaotic and unlike the orderly driving experienced in the United States. Your drivers are experts in navigating the roads with all the conditions that are prevalent and travelers should feel safe in the knowledge that your driver's number one priority is to get you to your destination safely and as efficiently as possible.

### General:

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations. Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility.
- Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home. Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort.
- That being said some locations are nestled in absolute luxury where pampering is the norm. Participants should generally be in good health and prepared to travel in locations without medical facilities.

### Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the "land only" rate for this program. **The start city for this program is Mumbai and the end city Delhi, India.**

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*





## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

**INCLUDING:** MUMBAI, VARANASI, KHAJURAHO, AGRA, RANTHAMBHORE NATIONAL PARK, JAIPUR & DELHI.

**SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:** ARIZONA STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**ESCORTED BY:** AN ESCORT FROM ARIZONA STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**DATES:** APRIL 15 TO 29, 2015

<b>COSTS:</b> PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	<b>MAIN TRIP BASED ON 15 TRAVELERS</b>	<b>POST EXTENSION TO RAJPUTANA BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS</b>
LAND PACKAGE ONLY	\$3,995 PER PERSON	\$1,895 PER PERSON INCLUDING THE FLIGHT UDAIPUR/DELHI
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	\$1,395 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	\$495 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
INTERNATIONAL AIR FROM PHOENIX ROUND-TRIP INCLUDING AIR WITHIN INDIA & INTERNATIONAL DEPARTURE TAXES ( CURRENTLY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE	\$2,590 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	N/A
INTERNAL AIR IF INTERNATIONAL AIR IS NOT PURCHASED THROUGH CLASSIC ESCAPES	\$740 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL	INCLUDED IN LAND COST

*\*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: RATE IS VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT WILL APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*

*\*\*ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED.*



## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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### REGISTRATION

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

### PAYMENTS

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for either extension must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 95 days (January 10, 2015) before departure – you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional personal, baggage and tour cancellation insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement will apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

### CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

**TRIP INSURANCE:** Because of the array on unforeseen circumstances that could delay or cancel a guest's trip, we highly recommend that guests purchase an optional insurance policy. Information will be sent to registrants.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to 95 days prior to departure, less \$250 handling fee.
- 94-75 days prior to departure, deposit is forfeited.
- 74-60 days prior to departure, less 50% of tour cost.
- Less than 60 days prior to departure, no refund due.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any fees imposed by airlines.

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

### DOCUMENTS

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State ([travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change



**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, insurance information, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

### TRANSPORTATION

**OPTIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Roundtrip, economy-class flights via UNITED AIRLINES, and/or other IATAN carriers are between PHOENIX and MUMBAI returning from NEW DELHI noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For UNITED AIRLINES we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** This program is based on travel with UNITED AIRLINES. For a list of the airline's partners, visit <https://www.united.com/web/en.../otherairawards.aspx>. You may obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights. If travelers make their own air arrangements, they will be subject to extra transfer fees.

**DEPARTURE TAXES:** Please note the amount of departure tax reflected in the airfare is subject to change, at the discretion of governments and airlines, and with no advance notice. Should this occur, you will be invoiced prior to departure for any additional taxes imposed.

### TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and air conditioning and/or fans. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**INOCULATIONS:** When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**BAGGAGE:** On average, international flights from the USA allow two pieces of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds; however we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles and airplanes with limited space.

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to

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any refund. The person making any booking will, by the making of such booking, warrant that he or she has authority to enter into a contract on behalf of the other person included in such a booking and in the event of the failure of any or all of the other persons so included to make payment, the person making the booking shall by his/her signature thereof assume personal liability for the total price of all bookings made by him/her.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

Please visit the website to obtain enrollment form - <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. For any questions you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839.



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Trip Tour Code: **15ASL0415/ ASU**

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Thank you for your support,

RESERVATION FORM:

ARIZONA STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ~ INDIA

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Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person, plus \$250 for the extension) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Classic Trip to India departing on April 15, 2015. Cost is \$3,995 per person, double occupancy, land from Phoenix including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (As of February 4, 2014 - subject to change). Airfare is an estimated \$2,590 per person, additional.

Final payment due date is: January 10, 2015

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside NY 11377

OR

Charge deposit to:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

Please note that a copy of your passport will be required to complete your reservation, showing the page with your photograph. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip.

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR NAME BADGE IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE: 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
 The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
 I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
 I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the Organization or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker
 I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 \$1,395 for the main trip  \$495 for Rajputana post-extension
 I/We wish to participate in the optional excursion(s) at an additional per person cost of:
 \$1,895 for the Rajputana post-extension

Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights from Phoenix via United Airlines.

Please send me information on air upgrades for:  Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)
Airline Seating Preference  Aisle  Window Frequent Flier # \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of February 4, 2015, and are subject to change. Deposit is refundable up to 95 days prior to departure, less a \$250 per person handling fee - see cancellation penalties applicable as outlined on Conditions of Travel. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIC ESCAPES INC.
58-25 Queens Blvd.,
Woodside, NY 11377

(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
INDIA – APRIL 15, 2015



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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (**Classic Escapes Inc.**) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of transaction \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered/Items purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**\*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number which follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of February 4, 2014, and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

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- 74-60 days prior to departure, 50% of tour cost.
- Less than 60 days prior to departure, no refund due.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.